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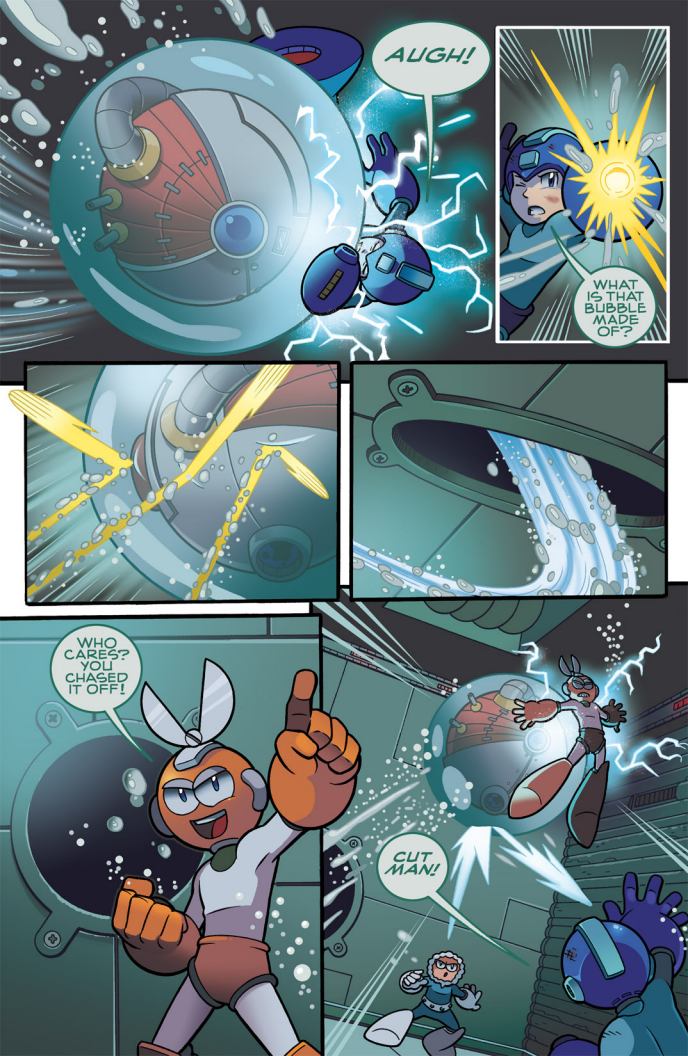
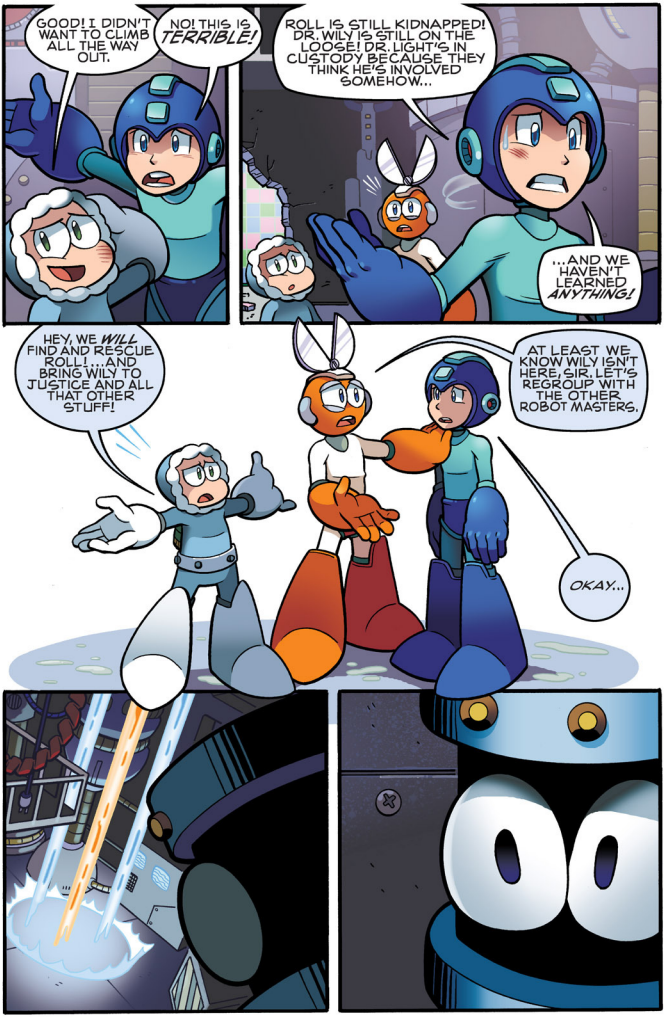
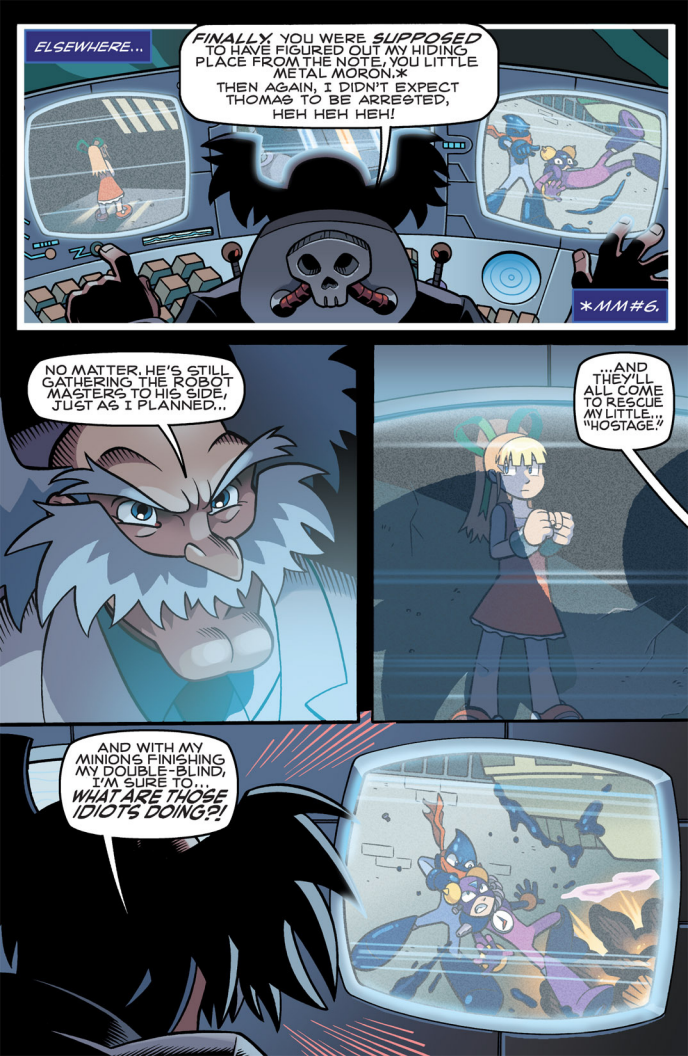

AUGH!
WHAT IS THAT BUBBLE MADE OF?
WHO CARES? YOU CHASED IT OFF!
CUT MAN!

THOOMP
IS THE ROBOT ...UM... HAVING BABIES?
I...DON'T THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE. THEY MAY BE CUTE, BUT WATCH OUT FOR--
BWOOM
ARE THEY "CUTE" NOW?!
NOT ANY-MORE.
GET READY FOR WHEN IT COMES OUT AGAIN-- I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

ICE MAN! FREEZE THE MINI-BOMBS!
CUT MAN! USE YOUR ROLLING CUTTERS ON THE SHIELD!
HEY, ROBOT!
IT WAS "SLICE" TO MEET YOU!
BLAM

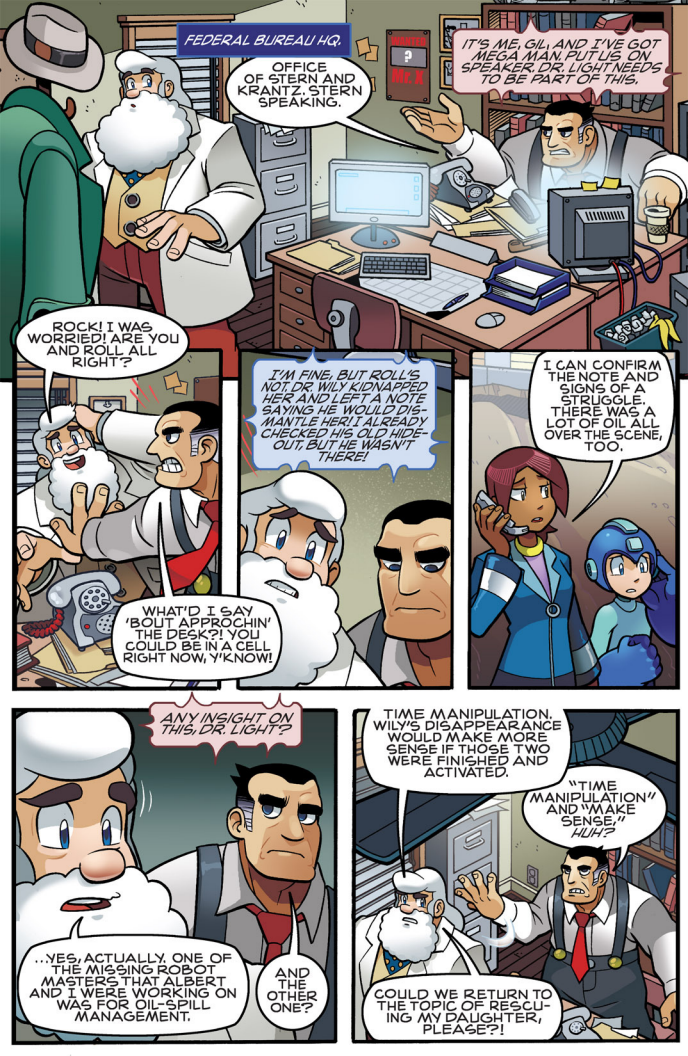
ITS MODEL NUMBER WAS CWU-01P. IT USED TO PURIFY THE WATER HERE UNTIL DR. WILY WEAPONIZED IT.
UNTIL WE TRASHED IT! THAT'S WHY WE'RE ROBOT MASTERS! WHOOO!
I THINK IT WAS THE TERRIBLE PUN THAT DESTROYED IT.
HEY, GUYS! I THINK I FOUND A WAY OUT OF HERE!
WE'RE ...WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED!


GOOD! I DIDN'T WANT TO CLIMB ALL THE WAY OUT.
NO! THIS IS *TERRIBLE!*
ROLL IS STILL KIDNAPPED! DR. WILY IS STILL ON THE LOOSE! DR. LIGHT'S IN CUSTODY BECAUSE THEY THINK HE'S INVOLVED SOMEHOW...
...AND WE HAVEN'T LEARNED *ANYTHING!*
HEY, WE *WILL* FIND AND RESCUE ROLL!...AND BRING WILY TO JUSTICE AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF!
AT LEAST WE KNOW WILY ISN'T HERE, SIR. LET'S REGROUP WITH THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS.
OKAY...


ELSEWHERE...
FINALLY. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIGURED OUT MY HIDING PLACE FROM THE NOTE, YOU LITTLE METAL MORON.*
THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T EXPECT THOMAS TO BE ARRESTED, HEH HEH HEH!
*MM #6.
NO MATTER. HE'S STILL GATHERING THE ROBOT MASTERS TO HIS SIDE, JUST AS I PLANNED...
...AND THEY'LL ALL COME TO RESCUE MY LITTLE... "HOSTAGE."
AND WITH MY MINIONS FINISHING MY DOUBLE-BLIND, I'M SURE TO... WHAT ARE THOSE IDIOTS DOING?!

DOWNTOWN.
I'M GOING TO SET UP THE WORK LIGHTS FOR THE EVENING. I'LL BE BACK TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN-UP--
HEY, THEY'RE BACK!
WAS WILY BROUGHT TO JUSTICE? HAVE ROLL AND DR. LIGHT BEEN SAVED?
NO. ALL WE DID WAS GET LOST AND FIGHT A WATER FILTER WITH DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR.
UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO FIND WILY, RESCUE ROLL, AND CLEAR DR. LIGHT'S NAME.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK OR HOW TO START. I WISH DR. LIGHT WAS HERE...
I'M NO DOCTOR...

...BUT I'M SURE I CAN HELP.
AGENT KRANTZ! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE?
DOCTOR LIGHT WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, AND CALLED THE LAB. HE ASKED ME TO LOOK INTO THINGS WHEN YOU DIDN'T ANSWER.
WHEN I CHECKED LIGHT LABS, I FOUND THE KIDNAPPER'S NOTE. I CAME HERE TO SEE IF THE ROBOT MASTERS KNEW ANYTHING.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE HUMAN?
"KNEW ANYTHING..."? OR DO YOU MEAN, "WERE AT FAULT..."?
I THINK IT'S APPARENT DR. WILY IS ACTING ON HIS OWN. MEGA MAN, CAN YOU PATCH INTO MY CELL'S SIGNAL? I WANT YOU TO TELL BOTH ME AND MY PARTNER WHAT YOU'VE FOUND.
SURE! LET ME JUST ADJUST THIS HERE...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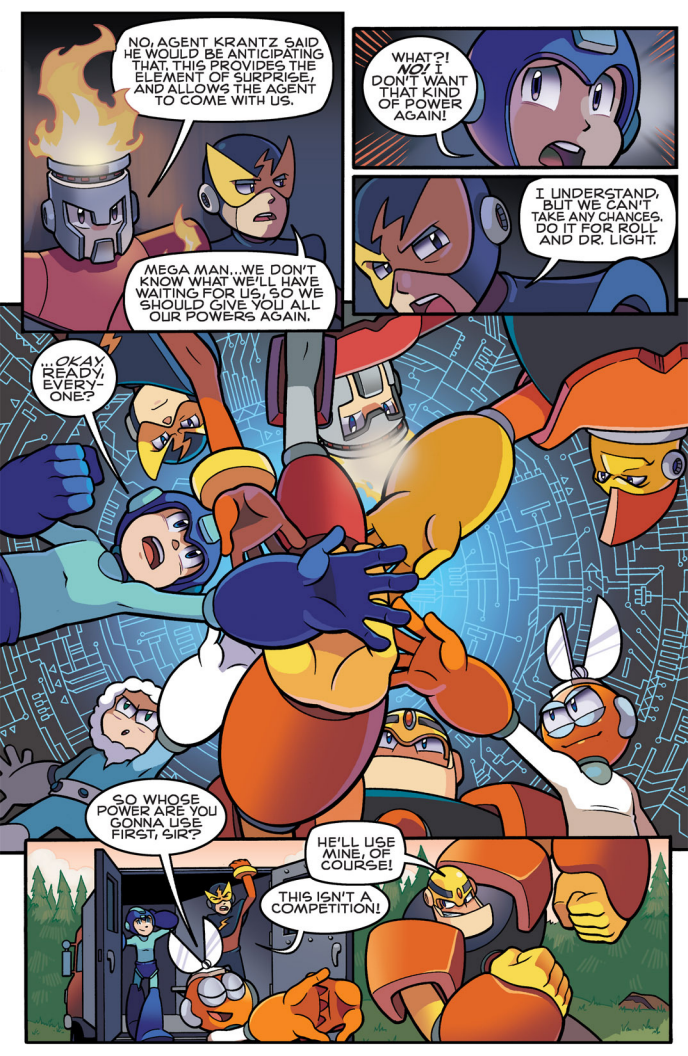
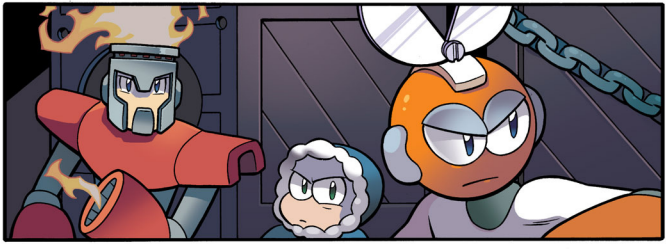
OFFICE OF STERN AND KRANTZ. STERN SPEAKING.
IT'S ME, GIL, AND I'VE GOT MEGA MAN, PUT US ON SPEAKER. DR. LIGHT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THIS.
ROCK! I WAS WORRIED! ARE YOU AND ROLL ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE, BUT ROLL'S NOT. DR WILY KIDNAPPED HER AND LEFT A NOTE SAYING HE WOULD DISMANTLE HER. I ALREADY CHECKED HIS OLD HIDEOUT, BUT HE WASN'T THERE!
I CAN CONFIRM THE NOTE AND SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE. THERE WAS A LOT OF OIL ALL OVER THE SCENE, TOO.
WHAT'D I SAY 'BOUT APPROCHIN' THE DESK?! YOU COULD BE IN A CELL RIGHT NOW, Y'KNOW!
ANY INSIGHT ON THIS, DR. LIGHT?
...YES, ACTUALLY. ONE OF THE MISSING ROBOT MASTERS THAT ALBERT AND I WERE WORKING ON WAS FOR OIL-SPILL MANAGEMENT.
AND THE OTHER ONE?
TIME MANIPULATION. WILY'S DISAPPEARANCE WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF THOSE TWO WERE FINISHED AND ACTIVATED.
"TIME MANIPULATION" AND "MAKE SENSE," HUH?
COULD WE RETURN TO THE TOPIC OF RESCUING MY DAUGHTER, PLEASE?!

"DAUGHTER"...? OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...
THE ROBOTS WERE LAST TESTED IN A WORKSHOP THAT'S BEEN RETIRED. IF ALBERT HAS GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF STEALING AND COMPLETING THEM, HE'S LIKELY HIDING OUT THERE.
SIT TIGHT, ROSIE. I'LL GET THE ADDRESS AND PICK YOU UP.
GIVE ME THE ADDRESS NOW. I'VE GOT ALL THE BACK-UP I'LL EVER NEED.
ONE VEHICLE REQUISITION LATER...
GRRK... SHOULD'VE JUST TELE-PORTED LIKE WE DID TO WILY'S OLD BASE!


NO, AGENT KRANTZ SAID HE WOULD BE ANTICIPATING THAT. THIS PROVIDES THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, AND ALLOWS THE AGENT TO COME WITH US.
MEGA MAN...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL HAVE WAITING FOR US, SO WE SHOULD GIVE YOU ALL OUR POWERS AGAIN.
WHAT?! NO! I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF POWER AGAIN!
I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. DO IT FOR ROLL AND DR. LIGHT.
...OKAY. READY, EVERY-ONE?
SO, WHOSE POWER ARE YOU GONNA USE FIRST, SIR?
HE'LL USE MINE, OF COURSE!
THIS ISN'T A COMPETITION!

WE'RE HERE. LET'S STICK TOGETHER AND TAKE THIS SLOWLY AND QUIETLY.
THAT'S...A BIG SKULL PAINTING.
THE MAN IS AS SUBTLE AS A BLOWN TRANSFORMER.

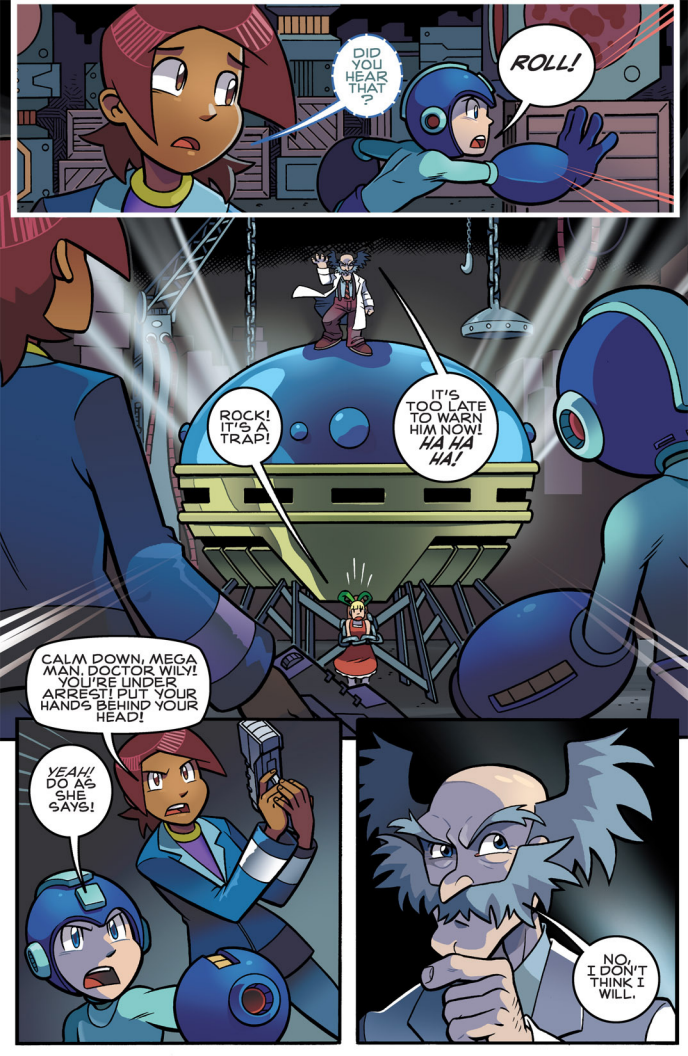
DON'T SHOOT UNLESS I GIVE THE OKAY. WATCH MY BACK.
OKAY.



YOU CAN HAVE YOUR FLAMES ON, FIRE MAN. I CAN STILL FUNCTION IN THE HEAT, YOU KNOW.
...FIRE MAN?
WHAT THE...?

THE--!
ME, TOO.
CLEAR.
OKAY, WE'LL SPLIT INTO TEAMS OF-- WAIT, WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
THEY'RE NOT RIGHT BEHIND ME?
I'LL GO ONE WAY WITH BOMB MAN. MEGA MAN, YOU PROTECT THE HUMAN.
RIGHT. (I DON'T THINK SHE'D REALLY NEED ME, THOUGH.)

I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR THE OTHERS GO DOWN.
THEN STOP TALKING AND LISTEN FOR--
HMPH. IT SEEMS YOUR CHARGED BODY DISRUPTS MY "TIME SLOW" ABILITY.
I... WON'T... LET... YOU.
HNGH!
HOW'S THAT FOR PERFECT TIMING?
DECENT ENOUGH. NOW LET'S APPLY THE LAST TWO CHIPS.


DID YOU HEAR THAT?
ROLL!
ROCK! IT'S A TRAP!
IT'S TOO LATE TO WARN HIM NOW! HA HA HA!
CALM DOWN, MEGA MAN. DOCTOR WILY! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD!
YEAH! DO AS SHE SAYS!
NO, I DON'T THINK I WILL.

ATTACK!
MORE ROBOT MASTERS?!
THE ONES DR. LIGHT SAID WERE MISSING!
WAH-HA-HA! INDEED! NOW COMPLETE, IMPROVED BY MY GENIUS, AND TOTALLY UNDER MY CONTROL.
PSSHT. WHAT'S SO "MEGA MAN" ABOUT YOU?

IT SEEMS YOU'VE RUN OUT OF TIME.
AGENT KRANTZ!
YOUR WEAPONS AREN'T ENOUGH! I'LL HANDLE THESE TWO! PLEASE RESCUE ROLL!
RIGHT. BE CAREFUL.
OIL MAN! STOP THE HUMAN!
NO WAY! I'M GONNA GET MY TURN WITH MISTER BIG SHOT, TOO!

AUHK!
ARGH!

DAAAAAAANG, HE TURNED MY POWER AGAINST ME WITHOUT EVEN COPYING IT.
YOU IDIOT...
DON'T WORRY, YOU TWO. DR. LIGHT WAS ABLE TO SAVE THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS. I'M SURE HE CAN FIX YOU, TOO.
THEY DON'T NEED FIXING, MEGA MAN! THEY ARE PROGRAMMED TO SERVE ME...
...OH, NO...

...JUST LIKE ALL THE ROBOT MASTERS!
ROLL IS AT THE MERCY OF DR. WILY! MEGA MAN IS UP AGAINST ALL EIGHT ROBOT MASTERS! CAN AGENT KRANTZ HELP SAVE THE DAY, OR IS HER TIME UP, TOO? DON'T MISS THE EXCITING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME! AND DON'T MISS THE VERY FIRST PAPERBACK ...MEGA MAN VOLUME 1!

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NOW...
ROBOTS THAT WALK AND TALK ON THEIR OWN? I DON'T LIKE IT.
BACK THEN...
A PHONE THAT WORKS WITHOUT WIRES OR DIALING? I DON'T LIKE IT.
AND BEFORE THAT...
THE BREAD GOES IN, BUT TOAST COMES OUT WHERE? OOPS. THE BREAD GOT I DON'T LIKE IT.

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